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THE COAL STRIKE MENACE

As the days pass and April 1 approaches it seems evident that operators and miners of the soft coal fields are willing to let the strike come and fight out the issue. Efforts of Secretary Davis, upon instructions from President Harding, to effect a compromise have proven fruitless and the country looks with increasing interest upon further plans to avert the calamity.

In Illinois operators and miners might compromise but the national union of miners objects, insisting upon a joint meeting of employers and men of the four states comprising the central competitive fields—Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Pennsylvania and Ohio operators refuse to meet in joint conference and the operators of Indiana demand a four-state conference. Never was an industrial situation worse confounded or more harassed by conflicting purposes.

Miners are voting for the strike, barring settlement before April 1. It is expected that ninety per cent of the miners will stop work. The outlook is bad because forces are divided and controlled by local costs of production. The government has exhausted practically every source to bring the factions into a conference.

While the situation with respect to a sufficient supply of coal is not acute, all authorities agree that if a strike does come it will be an epochal struggle between the operators and the miners, with the public bearing the brunt of the effects. It behooves the public to protect itself as well as it can through its government.

A consignment of full-grown roosters passed through the mails at Fulton, Mo., recently, although postal rules prescribe that day-old chicks are the only kind of poultry that can be shipped. Apparently all the delays in the mail service have not yet been eliminated.

CLEAN THE BACK YARDS

With the advent of Spring, comes a passion for renovating the earth. Nature replaces its dead, drab, dormant vegetation with bright new colors, prevailing green. With the impulse to make gardens, to get out the old golf bag and all the other signs of Spring, to the house wife comes a passion for Spring cleaning.

All the musty nooks that are the accumulation of the past year are attacked with an energy that is surprising in view of the lethargy engendered in some way by the balmy breath of Spring. Cleaning is not limited to the homes, however, but is carried on in all parts of the city. Lawns will be raked, flowers planted, hedges trimmed; but one detail in the general scheme of civic beautification has been neglected.

Columbia needs a spring campaign for cleaning up its backyards and alleys. Thanks to efforts of the Garden Club and similar organizations the front yards have been beautified until they are almost above reproach. In the efforts to make the front yards and display portions of the city presentable, many have forgotten that the dirt which has been accumulating for years in the out-of-the-way places is quite as objectionable in its way as an untidy front yard.

There are several unsightly dump heaps

scattered over portions of the city that are otherwise pleasing to the eye. A spring cleaning campaign will not be complete until these sore spots have been eliminated from the landscape so that Columbia can be termed truly a city beautiful.

Make as attractive as possible the front yards, that are the show cases of the city, but in so doing do not forget that a few unsightly back yards and dirty side streets can completely counteract the pleasing impression made by otherwise beautiful surroundings.

However firmly the bone-dry idea may be entrenched in other departments of the government, it does not seem to have gained foothold in the weather service.

"THEY SAY"

Gossip deals in truths, untruths and partial truths. Truth is legitimate news. Untruth is only mischievous babble for it is easily detected. But it is partial truth which has such disastrous results for it has just enough truth in it to make it sound plausible.

Sometimes gossip is just idle chatter to make conversation. But the innate desire of human beings to hold the center of the stage by telling the most astonishing story may lead to a deviation from the truth. Just the simple truth is not thrilling enough to cause a sensation. Or a lack of knowledge may make necessary the supplying of the missing details.

Any deviation from the truth is inexcusable. But it is despicable for anyone to maliciously plot to ruin another by defaming his character. The harm can never be undone no matter how well it is proven false. Such persons haven't the courage to come out in the open and fight fairly. They are the kind that send anonymous letters. They never give a criticism as their own. It is always "they say." "They say" gives it the prestige accorded to public opinion and passes the responsibility on to some one else. They repeat things said in confidence and distort them to make them mean something entirely different.

It is almost impossible to trace a malicious statement to its source when "they said" it. The coward can always fall back on "I don't know myself, but that is what I heard. That is what they say."

NEWS OF THE STATE

Prospect for a wheat crop in Audrain County is the best it has been in four or five years.

The Masonic lodge of West Plains has completed plans for a temple which will cost \$50,000.

An auto, truck and tractor show will be held in Mexico, March 30, 31, and April 1.

The Moberly Light and Power Co. has completed improvements which cost \$125,000.

Tarkio College is the defendant in a suit for \$14,000, based on a note for \$6,500 given in 1908.

The Natural Gas Association of America is holding its annual convention in Kansas City this week.

Attorney-General Jesse Barrett will speak at the annual banquet of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce, April 11.

Maryville is said to be the only town in the state that has three Smith-Hughes vocational teachers in its high school.

Architects are working on the plans for a new high school at Hornersville, a bond issue for which was voted last week.

The Joplin Young Women's Christian Association is conducting a membership drive in which the goal is 1,500 new members.

Lightning set fire Monday to 10,000 barrels of oil in an isolated storage tank between Webb City and Joplin. The flames were 100 feet high.

Kansas City Democrats have taken a new step in an attempt to gain the women's vote, by naming three women for places on the City Council.

The St. Louis Car Co. has received an order for fifty steel electric passenger cars from the Southern Pacific Railway Co. The cost will be \$800,000.

Charles A. Lee, superintendent of the Butler public schools, has announced for the Democratic nomination for state superintendent of public instruction.

George Pescher, a 13-year-old boy of Renick, tried to catch a ride on a Wash-ash freight train Sunday. He slipped and the train cut off both his legs near the knee.

Missouri National Guard troops who have been quartered on the State Fair Grounds at Sedalia have been ordered to move. It is said the guardsmen have been damaging property.

Albert Gallatin Craig of Maryville, a former circuit judge, is suing the Osteopathic Sanitarium at Macon for \$5,000. He charges that he was unlawfully detained in the institution, where he was sent

by the Nodaway County Probate Court and from which he was released by habeas corpus proceedings in January.

The Bank of Dearborn has been reorganized and was opened the first of the week. Depositors will not lose and no prosecutions are expected. The directors pledged \$6,300 each.

A race horse for which its owner, a Chicago doctor, had refused \$10,000, was sold at auction in Sedalia last week to W. W. Taylor for \$925. The horse won \$3,000 in one race last year.

Depositions have been taken at Mountain Grove in damage suits for \$80,900 against the St. Louis & San Francisco Railroad on account of a railway crossing accident last December.

A land fraud suit involving 706 acres in Mississippi and 508 acres in Callaway County is being tried in the Randolph County Circuit Court on change of venue from Howard County.

Miss Laura C. McKay, formerly city editor of the Troy Free Press, has been appointed Postmistress of Troy. The appointment follows a long fight among several candidates for the position.

Work on a new summer resort at Crystal Springs, near Eminence, will begin this spring. A \$15,000 dam will be built across Crystal Springs Creek, which will furnish electric power for the resort.

S. A. Carter, county clerk of Wright County, has issued a statement that the personal and real property assessment of the county in 1921 was \$7,768,544, or about 73 per cent of the 1920 assessment.

Married Monday, divorced Thursday and married again on the following Monday is the matrimonial record set by Marcus Stillwell at Cape Girardeau. His present wife, who is his third, is also a divorcee.

The \$105,000 bonds of the Weldon River Drainage District of Mercer have been sold to a St. Louis bond company. The drainage ditch, for which the contract was recently awarded, will be eight miles long.

Governor Hyde's fight for better schools in Missouri is attracting nation-wide attention. From all parts of the country messages have come the last several weeks urging the governor to accept speaking dates.

The final debate of the Southeast Missouri high school series will be held at Cape Girardeau March 24. The winner will contest with the Southwest Missouri team to determine which will represent Southern Missouri against Northern Missouri at Columbia in May.

The traveling library service of the state has gained a large circulation in the past year, as reported by I. R. Bundy, secretary of the State Library Association. The number of books read in February of this year is just double the number for February of last year.

BETWEEN COLUMNS

In Russia starched collars and cuffs are considered a luxury, while over here they are still a nuisance.

Gunmen have no right to complain of hard times. For a consistent holding up, their business wins hands down, or rather, hands up.

TODAY'S COSSIP

The other day Rube Perkins, general store clerk, asked his best girl if she didn't think Hank Johnson a little bit mutton-headed. She agreed: "Yes; my lamb."

And what has become of the girl who used to say, "Oh, please smoke; I adore pipes."

Eddie says that the fellow who has the push doesn't need the pull.

And when radio receiving outfits get as widely distributed as telephones, you can attend the Sunday morning services and stay at home and read the comic supplement at the same time.

It seems queer that a man will pay \$4 for a pint of moonshine when he can blow out the gas and get the same effect—first dizzy and then stiff.

Sometimes we think that the effort of those splendid women to take our tobacco away from us is but a scheme to make us forget the greater issues and wear our rubbers during the spring rains.

Now is the proper time for grin week—during the past few months it couldn't possibly have competed with the income tax blank look.

—THE WAITFARER.

MRS. LACY BRICKER DIES

Aunt of B. F. Baker, 94 Years Old, Suffers Paralytic Stroke.

Mrs. Lacy Bricker, 94 years old, aunt of Ben F. Baker, coronet, died yesterday morning at Warsaw following a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Bricker has been ill since the death of her brother, S. F. Baker, of this city last November.

Besides B. F. Baker, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Fanny Campbell, with whom she has been making her home in Warsaw, and other relatives here and in Centralia. Mrs. Bricker was formerly a resident of Centralia. Funeral services will be held today at Dell, but because of the road washouts, Mr. Baker will be unable to attend.

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Saturday only a 20 per cent cash discount on any rug in our stock. This is a rare chance coming just at house cleaning time and when our stock is complete with the newest spring patterns and colors in all sizes. Most homes need one more rug. Hughes Furniture Co.—Adv.

IN THE CITY SCHOOLS

The children of the Lee School sold nearly all the Columbia Theater tickets for the performance of "Nancy Nowhere" yesterday afternoon at the Columbia Theater which the teachers of the school are sponsoring to obtain money for playground equipment. There are 250 children and they have sold 969 tickets without the loss of a single ticket or the money for one. All the children from the first grade up sold tickets, though the first and second grade were given but a few. School was excused early this afternoon so that the children were able to be on time for the show. The time that they lost yesterday they made up in the last week, by working eight minutes late at noon and in the afternoon.

The seventh grade nutrition class met Tuesday for the third time. There are eighteen in the class, boys and girls. The children have done only the most elementary work so far. They are concerned with the primary subjects of cleanliness, diet, and exercise. The class is very much interested and looks forward to recording progress on their health charts.

This week students from Stephens College will begin to do playground work at Lee School in all the grades. There will be one teacher for each grade who will come twice a week for one half hour of teaching games in the school hours and for telling stories. Another student will take charge of one grade at a time during one recess. She will work with each grade until she has had them all and then begin with the first again. During weather when the children have to remain in the house all day, she will teach her class indoor games to occupy them.

The seventh grade will begin with wand drills and dumbbell work. The fourth grade will have a regular course in physical culture.

The third grades of the Benton and the Grant schools are doing some interesting project work in drawing and in geography. The third grade of the Grant School has made a dandelion study which they have written into a booklet for language work. The children have studied the composition, color and kinds of dandelions, that grow in this section of the United States.

The third grade of the Benton School has made a book on "The Story of a Loaf of Bread." Each child has at least one page and some several. The pictures are freehand cutting and show a high state of ability for the third grade.

The fourth grade of the Jefferson School has finished a project on balancing toys, which teaches the lesson of gravity and is also an attractive art work. The children have cut out from cardboard or wood, groups of dolls, and

balls, or children representing the nations. The dolls of the nation they have painted in their national costumes which they have copied in water color from pictures. The figures they have attached to round bases covered with paper, which make the figures seem to be balancing on the round surface on which the feet are glued. The children have taken clay and made weights of it. These they have placed within the ball in such a way that the figure will stand still by means of the weight. Through mistakes and experimentation they have found that the clay must be placed correctly, forward or to one side.

Prof. J. V. Ankney, specialist in visual education at the University, gave a demonstration of visual education today at the Grant School, before the Mothers' Club of that school.

The Benton School Parent-Teacher's Association held its regular monthly meeting at the school yesterday afternoon. The members of the organization discussed the question of using the money in the treasury to buy clothes,

food and medicine for the children in the school district who need it. The third grade of the Benton School has forty-eight children enrolled. In the first grade there are fifty-six. The fourth grade has fifty-four.

Rocky Mountain Club Elects Officers. Virgil A. Wyatt was elected president of the Rocky Mountain Club at its meeting last night at the Dana Press Club. Other officers elected were: Vice-president, Eugene Hogue; secretary-treasurer, Harry B. Kahan. The club decided to have a dance the night of April 5 at the Delta Gamma House. About twelve members were present at the meeting.

NOTICE!

Master Masons

You are requested to meet in Acacia Lodge Room Friday afternoon, March 17, at 3 o'clock to assist in conducting funeral of Brother W. T. Warder.

By order of
T. M. KITCHENS,
Worshipful Master.—Adv.

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By Mistake

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It's Tonight

The time is 8:15 o'clock and the place is the Universal Auditorium. Please be there.

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| 50002 | La Bohème—Racconto di Rodolfo (Rodolph's Narrative) Act I (Puccini) Tenor, in Italian. Mario Chamlin |
| 2.00 | Mamma—Ah! Povera Donna! (Depart, Fair Vision) Act III, Scene 2 (Mascagni) Tenor, in French. Mario Chamlin |
| 1.50 | La Bohème—Addio (Farewell) Act III (Puccini) Soprano, in Italian. Florence Easton |
| 1.50 | Caravan—Babara (Love is Like a Wood Bird) Act I (Ruggeri) Soprano, in French. Florence Easton |
| 50003 | Andrea Chénier—Stenico della Patria (Enemy of His Country) Act III (Giordano) Baritone, in Italian. Giuseppe Danesi |
| 2.00 | Otello—Crede (Iago's Creed) Act II (Verdi) Baritone, in Italian. Giuseppe Danesi |
| INSTRUMENTAL | |
| 50002 | Solo—Solo—Part I. From the Music Drama "Salome" (Strauss)..... Richard Strauss and Symphony Orchestra |
| 2.00 | Solo—Solo—Part II. From the Music Drama "Salome" (Strauss)..... Richard Strauss and Symphony Orchestra |
| 1.50 | Spring Song (Mendelssohn) Piano Solo. Leopold Godowsky |
| 1.50 | The Flauter (Le Lazzero) (Chaminade) Piano Solo. Leopold Godowsky |
| 50002 | Second Mazurka (Le Monestier) (Op. 13) (Wieniawski) Violin Solo. Bronislaw Huberman |
| 1.50 | Melodie (Op. 42, No. 3) (Tchakowsky) Violin Solo. Bronislaw Huberman |
| 50002 | Pagliacci—Selection (Puccini) Concert Band. Vessella's Italian Band |
| 1.50 | Toccata—Selection (Puccini) Concert Band. Vessella's Italian Band |
| 50002 | Cossing the Piano (Contry) Ragtime Piano Solo. Zex Contry |
| 1.50 | Greenwich Wick (Contry) Ragtime Piano Solo. Zex Contry |
| CONCERT | |
| 50002 | The Great Awakening (Johnstone-Kramer) Tenor. Theo. Kall |
| 1.00 | Bocanna (Tschernacher-D'Hardeit) Tenor. Theo. Kall |
| 50001 | Rock of Ages (Toplady-Hastings) Soprano and Contralto. Marie Tiffany and Elizabeth Lomax |
| 1.00 | Song of the "Mush On" (Robertson-Rhys-Herbert) Baritone. Richard Bonni |
| 50001 | Rolling Down to Rio (Kipling-German) Baritone. Richard Bonni |
| POPULAR | |
| 5187 | Eddie Leonard Blues (Stanley) Tenor and Baritone. Billy Jones and Ernest Hare with Carl Fenton's Orchestra |
| 1.00 | Caroline Rolling Blues (Farish-Young-Squires) Tenor. Al Bernard with Carl Fenton's Orchestra |
| 5188 | Granny (Young-Lewis-Akt) Baritone. Ernest Hare |
| 1.00 | April Showers (De Silva-Silvers) Baritone. Saxophone Solo. Rudy Wiedoff |
| 5189 | Mammy Lou (Sterling-Moran-Von Tilzer) Strand Male Quartet |
| 1.00 | Lullaby Lullaby (White-Star) Tenor and Baritone. Charles Hart and Elliott Hart |
| FOR DANCING | |
| 5191 | Song of India—Fox Trot (Rimsky-Korsakow). Rudy Wiedoff's California |
| 1.00 | Gray Horn—Fox Trot (Oswell-Ward-Standish). Rudy Wiedoff's California |
| 5192 | On the 'Gin 'Gin' (Glaney Shore—Fox Trot (Louis-Domeland). Bessie Krueger's Orchestra |
| 1.00 | Caroline Blues—Fox Trot (Ringle). Bessie Krueger's Orchestra |
| 5193 | Three O'Clock in the Morning—Waltz (Terras-Robledo). Carl Fenton's Orchestra |
| 1.00 | Indiana Lullaby—Waltz (Terras-Kendall). Carl Fenton's Orchestra |
| 5004 | Just a Little Love Song—Fox Trot (Young-Lewis-Akt). Bessie Krueger's Orchestra |
| 1.00 | My Mammy Knows—Fox Trot (De Costa-Jerome). Bessie Krueger's Orchestra |
| 5194 | Granny—Fox Trot (Young-Lewis-Akt). Bessie Krueger's Orchestra |
| 1.00 | Dee-Dee Blues—Fox Trot (Rice-White). Bessie Krueger's Orchestra |
| 5195 | Good-Bye Shanghai—Fox Trot (Johnson-Meyer). Carl Fenton's Orchestra |
| 1.00 | White Bird Dreams—Fox Trot (Egan-Whiting). Carl Fenton's Orchestra |

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